DEWAN BAHADUR L. VENKATAKRISHNAN: I may give one reason for many of these accidents. Most of these boats have no rudder and a rudderless boat naturally drifts. If the boatmen can provide themselves with one piece of paddle and steer the boats properly they will find it possible to take the boats without accidents.

MR. P. KOCHUKRISHNA PILLAI: May I know whether the Chief Engineer has inspected the locality?

DEWAN BAHADUR L. VENKATAKRISHNAN: I have sir,

Foot Bridge on Kuriannur-Maramon Road.

290 * **MR. K. A. MATHEW** (*Tiruvalla*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether they have received a petition from the inhabitants of Maramon, Nedumprayar and Kuriannur for the construction of a foot bridge at Chakkamveli on Kuriannur-Maramon road;

(*b*) whether the bridge constructed in 1115 was ruined; and

(*c*) why no new bridge was made till now?

DEWAN BAHADUR L. VENKATAKRISHNAN: (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Yes.

(*c*) The estimate and plan are under preparation.

Recruitment of teachers.

291 * **MR. D. THOMAS** (*Kalkulam cum Vilavancode*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether they have received any representation from any association of private school teachers that when recruitment is made to departmental institutions a certain percentage is to be reserved for teachers of private institutions;

(*b*) if so what action was taken on the matter; and

(*c*) whether they are aware that the services of efficient and experienced teachers can be secured if they adhere to the policy of recruiting private school teachers to departmental institutions?

MR. A. NARAYANAN TAMPI (*Director of Public Instruction*) (*a*) Yes;

(*b*) The question was considered and it was decided that the present practice of considering each individual case on its own merit might continue.

(*c*) This does not arise, in view of the answer to part (b).

MR. D. THOMAS: May I know whether service in private schools will be taken into account when the teachers are taken into departmental schools?

MR. A. NARAYANAN TAMPI: No, Sir.

MR. T. K. NARAYANA PILLAI: May I know from the Director of Public Instruction whether when a teacher from an aided school is recruited to a departmental school, his previous service in the private school will be taken into consideration in fixing his pension?

MR. A. NARAYANAN TAMPI: No, Sir. His service is not taken into account, but in some cases where he is 35 or more, he will be given a higher grade of salary.

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MR. T. K. NARAYANA PILLAI : May I know whether it would no be an advantage to recruit a teacher from an aided school rather than a fresh one ?

MR. A. NARAYANAN TAMPI : It is a matter of opinion. It is not always.....

PRESIDENT : Apart from that, honourable members would realise that already the drift from private or aided schools to Government schools is very strong and if it is to be taken as a matter of course that recruitment from private schools to Government Schools will be adopted, the private schools will be in a bad condition. That is a matter which has to be considered in dealing with this question. Aided school managers would find it difficult to give as good salary as Government can. So if it is to be taken for granted that as soon as a man has done fairly well in an aided school, he is taken over to a Government school, the managements would suffer greatly. I do not know what the general opinion is. That will be one of the matters which will be discussed on the educational reorganisation debate.

MR. D. THOMAS : What is the age limit for the teachers ?

MR. A. NARAYANAN TAMPI : So far as the Public Service Recruitment is concerned, the age limit is fixed by the Public Service Recruitment rules

Appointments of Arabic Munshies and Koran teachers.

292. *MR. P. S. MAHOMED (*Nominated*): Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) the number of appointments of Arabic Munshies and Koran teachers recommended by the Inspector of Mahomedan Schools during the periods of 1118, 1119 and 1120 till now ;

(*b*) the number of appointments of Arabic Munshies and Koran teachers made during the above period ; and

(*c*) the number of vacancies of Arabic and Koran teachers that was brought to the notice of the Public Service Commissioner for recruitment?

MR. A. NARAYANAN TAMPI : (*a*) Such official communications are treated as confidential.

(*b*) 1118 1.
1119 3.
1120 Nil.

(*c*) 6.

Muslim teachers in Vernacular Schools.

293 *MR. P. S. MAHOMED : Will the Government be pleased to lay on the table a statement showing the number of teachers in the Vernacular Primary, Middle and High Schools separately with the number of Muslims among them ?

MR. A. NARAYANAN TAMPI : The time and labour involved in collecting the information are not commensurate with the benefit derivable.

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